Marketing Service Extension Centre in Noida

6565. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the government propose to open marketing and service extension centre for handicrafts in Noida/Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the location-wise details of the proposed marketing service extension centres for handicrafts in Uttar Pradesh as on date ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Four Marketing & Service Extension Centres are already functioning at Saharanpur, Almora, Agra & Barabanki in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The centre at Saharanpur is catering to the needs of craftpersons at Noida and Greater Noida.

(d) No decision has been taken to open more Marketing & Service Extension Centres in Uttar Pradesh.

Survey Conducted by Tobacco Board on Surplus Stocks

6566. SHRI K.S. RAYUDU : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Tobacco Board has made any survey for surplus stocks of tabacco in West and East Godavari of Andhra Pradesh in the first week of April, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to assist the farmers by way of to procure such huge tobacco stocks lying with them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Some of the steps taken by the Tobacco Board to assist tobacco farmers include :-

(i) Conducting auctions to ensure accurate weightment, classification and competitive prices;

(ii) Negotiating with tobacoo trade for fixation of Minimum Guaranteed Price for Flue Cured Virginia Tobacco which is normally above the Minimum Support Price;

(iii) Opening 3 additional auction platforms in Andhra Pradesh at Vellampalli, Podili and Kandukur.

Janata Cloth Scheme

6567. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received proposal from the Government of Maharashtra requesting for providing funds for Handloom sector under Janata Cloth Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the action taken thereon; and

(c) the details of package of incentives proposed during 1997-98 for revival of Handloom Sector ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) and (b) Proposals from three agencies viz. Maharashtra State Handloom Corporation Ltd., Nagpur, Vidarbha Weavers Central Cooperative Society, Nagpur and The Western Maharashtra Weavers Central Coop. Association Ltd., Solapur have been recieved for release of funds under Janata Cloth Scheme. Releases would be as per entitlement.

(c) During 1997-98 the Government of India is implementing the following schemes under which assistance is provided for promotion and development of the handloom sector :-

1. Setting up of Handloom Development Centre/ Quality Dyeing Units.
2. Project Package Scheme.
3. Scheme for Development of Exportable Products and their Marketing.
4. Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme.
5. Health Package Scheme.
6. Group Insurance Scheme.
7. Thrift Fund Scheme.